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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6533 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 19, 2008

BILL NUMBER: HB 1109 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Victim's Compensation Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tincher

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill provides that the Victim Services Division of the Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) may compensate a person applying for assistance from the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund only for the claimant's compensable out-of-pocket expenses that have not or will not be reimbursed from another source. It provides that the division may not consider certain expenses for which the claimant has received or will receive benefits when determining a claimant's compensable out-of-pocket expenses. The bill allows the division to prioritize the payment of claims if the money in the fund is insufficient to pay all outstanding claims.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could affect the amount of money that the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute awards from the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund. The specific impact is indeterminable.

As of December 16, 2008, the fund had a balance of \$0. The fund consists of certain court fees, certain offender earnings, and state appropriations. For FY 2008, the fund had over \$3 M.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

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State Agencies Affected: CJI.

Local Agencies Affected:

<u>Information Sources:</u> State Auditor's Data; Sandra Warren, Board Manager, Victims of Violent Crimes Fund, Mica Perry, Director, Communications Services, 232-1292, and Bill Lance, 232-2927, CJI.

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